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Dear Seward (coJP),

Thnak sof the clips, esp. on Frank. There is not likely to be any quote attributed to him that is without potential value. Fromx the time of his reaction, over-reaction, when he was in the audience and I confront Ruie and Dwyer on the Bany show, I have expected he would persent certain probabilities to us. I can't go into them, but as of now everyone has come to this point of view, the lawyers, JER, even Bud's partner. I have hardly gotten into his book because I've been too busy, but it is clear from that source also. So, thanks for the clips on him.

I find it hard to believe you have been so busy you have not been able to respond to my repeated inquiries about the epilogue draft. I explained the time pressures on that one way, not I do it in another. I will be away all day the fifth. The sixth I leave for what will undoubtedly be a trying trip, and I am overly-weary now. This includes a scheduled TV confrontation with Frank in St. Louis, where I have enemies for allies, making him look like a martyr, then a long car trip to Leavenworth, to see James brother John, from who I have a lengthy ms. I have to digest, possibly a trip into Illinois, possibly one to see JER, and other witnesses to try and find to interview. And in the briefest possibly time. For this period Lil will be home alone. That means it will be ah ideal time for her to do this typing. In turn, that means I must have the suggestions in time to consider then, incorporate them or decide against it, do the work that may be required, go over it with her, and I can't do this in the last minute when I have to be making trip preparations. I am presuming from the silence of both of you that RB sent this to you long ago. You have your own need, I know, and your won time pressures. But can they be so great that you couldn't let me know whether you had gotten this from Dick, whether you'd have or find time? I will have to assume that if I do not hear something by the time it is necessary for us to go over the rough prior to typing that you are not going to be able to get it done by then and that Dick has made no suggestions. If he has made some and you can't have this here by the second, please send it immediately, the way it is.

Of those things on which you may have expected to have heard from me and I have been silent, there has been nothing to say, no developments. No response to my appeal to Vanter, for example. I haven't the capability of pushing this now anyway. I discussed it and other approaches with Lesar yesterday. We are in accord on all the aspects we discussed. His is an optimistic view of the probabilities on the spectro appeal. I share them. He did a first-rate job of preparing a memo asked for by the court and of anticipating some of what the government would include in theirs. I presume he'll provide copies to JP who can supply to you. I can lend but not copy. I spotted some stuff in the government's memo, which I got four days before I got our own, such being the state of the mail, Bud agrees they call for a memo in response, Jim also agrees, and he is to be doing that now. It will be brief, perhaps but two pages, for not having seen our own memo, the draft I prepared duplicated some of what Jim had already anticipated and included. One of the purposes is to make a more accessible record to the cour now and for the Supreme Court, where we think this inevitably will go.

The more I think of it, as infrequently I do, the more I have come to believe that your writing that L letter for me was impirtant in several areas and that it provides one of the better means of stretching FOI. I think Jim agrees and I know he agrees on its being a good suit. He has passed the bars. As soon as it is official, perhaps this can become his first official case as a full member of the bar. Perhaps also we will by then have had a chance to discuss it, for in writing the letter for me you certainly gave ot some thought, as I am sure you did on getting the response and later did again when I sent you my letters and theirs'. You are perhaps not familiar with the law, but there are other areas, as in fact, where your thoughts could be valuable. We visualize a simple, short complaint, an uncomplicated suit , but everything attendant to it may not be that simple and there is no such think as knowing or undertanding too much. There is always the need for independent thinking and ideas. Best, HW. By the way, when will be we seeing you? Is school not over soon?